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SENATOR WARNER: Senator Carpenter I suggested to the committee that very point came up that if they wanted to be sure that they could be worked to the effect shall not exceed that as set by the legislature which in effect is what would happen anyway.

SENATOR CARPENTER: You'd have no objections?

SENATOR WARNER: Not at all, because in fact that is what I'm saying it should be in the budget act under personal service limitation and if it was spelled out that way I see no problem with that at all.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Will the Clerk draft an amendment for me which will say on line 7 after the word him, and approved by the legislature except during an interim period, in other words they can do what they want to do if we are not in session, if we are in session then it should be approved by the legislature or (inaudible) by the legislature, now in order to make my position clear I don't care what it is, that it takes to get a man of these qualifications they're not very many of them available, but I do think if they are going to pay forty or forty five or fifty thousand, at least this body ought to have the opportunity to at least approve it or reject it or better understand it.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Carpenter, so I can understand your amendment for sure, are you thinking that the limitations in the budget act on personal services as set by the legislature be sufficient or are you suggesting the amendment should be drawn that the legislature would approve that budget salary perse as to what ever it is, other than in the budget act?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well I would presume that once we hire this gentlemen that pretty much we will be obligated to keep him, and what we do in the budget for example I don't know how we'd whether to earmark this particular individual or to envelope with him the total budget of those who would have the responsibility to retain him. The only thing I think we ought to have and I'm not adamant about it, is that the legislature eventually when we are in session should approve whatever salary by law they're going to pay him.

SENATOR WARNER: I agree completely, what my question is is as to procedure, that whether the approval or the limitation that would be placed in the budget bill would be adequate to meet your amendments, then that's fine, but if you're suggesting that there be a separate legislative action then I think the amendment would have to be drafted differently, that's all.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well now, do you have an idea what they feel is necessary now to hire somebody?

SENATOR WARNER: Well I think present limit, present pay is thirty thousand and it has been that for four years, and I think the level of pay depends upon the background of the individual that they might be, if they were hiring a new one the background of the person if he has had experience or no experience or amount of administrative experience.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well do you think they could hire somebody for forty thousand dollars?